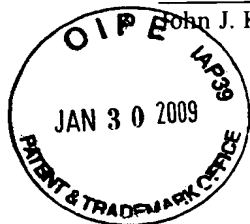


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**AMENDMENT**

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This amendmednt is being filed in a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application.

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2008.

A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment are being filed instead of an Appeal Brief.